

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Christopher P. Olson, et al. Art Unit 3761
Serial No. 10/690,424
Filed October 21, 2003
Confirmation No. 3822
For ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING AN ABSORBENT STRUCTURE SECURED TO A
STRETCHABLE COMPONENT OF THE ARTICLE
Examiner Melanie Jo Hand

September 5, 2006

LETTER TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

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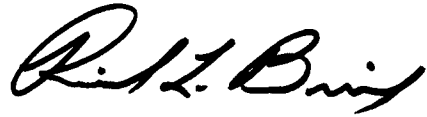
This letter is in response to an inquiry made by the Examiner during a phone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned on September 5, 2006.

During the phone conference, the Examiner inquired as to the availability of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/727,892 as prior art under 35 U.S.C §103 against the present application.

Applicants note that the present application and U.S. Application Serial No. 10/727,892 were commonly owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. of Neenah, Wisconsin at the time the present invention was made.

Accordingly, the '892 application is disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) as prior art under §103 against the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Bridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Bridge" being the most prominent parts.

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